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To the READER.

IN honour of the glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to vindicate the truth of it from the false and base aspersions which upstart errours, and abominable blasphemies, and as diabolicall practises, as well idolatrous as prophane have cast upon it; These few Gospel grounds, which are humbly presented to every honest spirituall eye: That it may appeare, that Gospel knowledge is not obscure, uncertain, difficult, or any more cause of liberty that is wickedly taken up, then wine is of drunkennesse, or cloathes of pride, or meat of gluttony: Neither is it to be with-held, or minced, or club'd down by any, lest it should be perverted; as it were madnesse to go naked, lest we should be proud, or destroy vines, lest any be drunke, and to make no provision for food, lest we should be gluttonous. They are partly Antidotes against errours, or Cordials for the comfort of such as are cast down: In which the defects call for supply, and the redundancies

for pruning, by some learned Scribe; only let no advantage be taken from any misquoted or mis-printed Scripture: If they be good for nothing else, they may be profitable for young people that are to be drawn on with delight: or to such as want leisure to read larger bookes; or such as are of shallow capacity to conceive a large tract: or for old folke, whose braines are dryed up, and so of fraile memories, one sentence may be easily learned in one day: and the proofes in two more, and so in as many dayes as there be conclusions, all may be gotten, and the proofes in twice as many more. The Lord blesse them as they are intended to do good to all that use them. Amen.

The Gospell Grounds.

ALmightinesse in God, and the Creatures emptinesse in, and of themselves, are the only subjects of all the holy Scriptures, *Exod.*6.3. *Gen.*17.1. & 28,3, 43.14. *Psal.*68.34,35. 2 *Cor.*6.18.

2 All the holy Scriptures do joyntly witnesse Christ Gods arm to save, and tend to make men perfect by faith in Christ, *Isa.* 40. 10,11. & 52.10. & 53.1. *Joh.*5.39. 2 *Tim.*3. 16,17.

3 All things are to be rejected, as losse, and dung, for the excellency of the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus, *Luk.*14.26. *Phil.*3.8,9. *Mat.*19.21. *Mat.*10.37.

4 All that professe Gods free and supreme will, a sure ground of beleeving; confesse the same revealed will, a safe rule for their living, *Rom.*9. 11. 20. 21. 1 *Pet.* 1. 2. & 2. 15,16. *Rom.*12.2.

5 All true beleevers are in a perfect, and everlasting union with God in Christ, and one with another, *Joh.*14.20. *Joh.*17.21,23. *Eph.* 4.16. & 5.30. 1 *Cor.*6.17.

6 All that are actually perfect in Christ, do by faith rest quietly on him, and look out for no other perfection. *Heb.*4.3. *Rom.*5.1,2. *Phil.*4.7. & 14.17.

7 All mans worthinesse is Gods esteem of Christs worthinesse imputed to them, and of what he himself worketh, by his Word and Spirit, *Rev.* 5. 9. & 3. 4. 1 *Thess.* 2. 12. 2 *Thess.* 1. 14.

8 All faithfull prayers, prophecies, and precepts of, and to beleevers, are as so many plain promises made unto them, *Joh.* 17. *Psal.* 3. *Eph.* 4. 4. *Mat.* 6. 9. *Ezek.* 36. 25, 37. *Rom.* 12. 1, 2.

9 A beleever is alwaies perfect before God, in Christ, not so to conscience by faith, much lesse by works to men. *Heb.* 13. 8. *Dan.* 9. 24. *Rom.* 14. 1, 12. *Lam.* 3. 2.

10 A beleevers perfection is not absolute by renovation, but only by imputation of Christs perfection. 2 *Cor.* 4. 16. *Phil.* 3. 12, 13. 2 *Cor.* 5. 21. 1 *Cor.* 1. 30. *Rom.* 4. 7, 8.

11 A beleevers stay is upon Gods Almightinesse in Christ, in the greatest straights of the sorest darkness; *Isa.* 26. 3. *Hab.* 3. 17. *Isa.* 50. 10. *Mich.* 7. 8, 9. *Psa.* 42. 11.

12 A beleevers strength in dangerous straights, is to be still, and the more knowledge of God, the more quietnesse in any triall, *Psal.* 46. 10. *Isa.* 30. 7, 15. *Exod.* 14. 13. 2 *Chron.* 20. 17.

13 A beleevers estate is very happy, glorious, and unchangeable, yet nothing to that it shall be at the last day. *Prov.* 3. 13. *Psal.* 1. 1. *Joh.* 3, 1, 2. 1 *Pet.* 1. 3, 4, 5. *Heb.* 13. 5, 8.

14 A beleevers liberty is so limitelesse in prayer, that he cannot make over-bold with God for things agreeable to his will. 2 *Cor.* 4 17 *Heb.* 4. 16 & 10. 22 *Isa.* 49. 11. 1 *Joh.* 5. 14, 15.

15 As happy as every beleever is, were it only in this life, none could be found more miserable. 2 *Cor.* 4. 17, 18. 1 *Cor.* 15. 19. *Heb.* 11. 26.

16 A beleevers joy is no fleshly, feeble, or fading joy, but a spirituall, full, and flowing joy. *Phil.* 3. 3. 2 *Cor.* 5. 12. *Job* 20. 5. *Isa.* 66. 10, 11, 12.

17 A beleever can accuse himself of more sin, then any; yet can excuse himself of all sin before God himself. 1 *Cor.* 2. 11. *Psal.* 51. 1, 2, 3. *Isa.* 38. 14, 17. *Psal.* 103. 12.

18 A beleever having put off himselfe, and put on the Lord Jesus Christ, is as absolutely perfect before God, as Christ can make him. *Gal.* 2. 19, 20. *Gal.* 3. 25, 26. 1 *Joh.* 4. 17. *Isa.* 61. 10.

19 A beleever is so far from the love of any sin, that for sin he abhors his best works, and himself. 1 *Cor.* 13. 6. *Isa.* 64. 6. *Job* 42. 6. *Ezek.* 36. 31.

20 A beleever receiveth the doctrine of renovation as readily to glorifie God, as that of justification whereby God glorifies him. *Rom.* 1. 1, 2, 3, 4. *Tit.* 2. 12, 13, 14. 2 *Cor.* 7. 1. 1 *Pet.* 1. 9, 10.

21 Beleevers are saved already, though salvation appeare not as it is, till the last and great day, *Eph.*2.8. 2 *Tim.*1.9. 1 *Pet.*1.9.

22 Beleevers, though simple, weak, and nothing to themselves, or others, are the wisest, strongest, and most excellent persons in the world, 1 *Cor.*1.26,27,28. 2 *Cor.*12.10, *Pro.* 12.26. *Psal.*16.3.

23 Beleevers, and their sinnes, are not one thing: but sin in them is far distant from them to faith, *Rom.*7.17.21. *Psal.*103.12.

24 Beleevers do not any evils, they seem to do: but sin with them only doth all that is so done, *Rom.*7.20.31.1 *Joh.*3:6,7,9.

25 Beleevers, however it seem, do alwaies grow in faith, and love, and answerable fruits. *Psal.*92.12. *Job* 17.9. *Psal.*22.1. *Judg.*5.31.

26 Beleevers are not exhorted to duties, because they can do more then others, but God worketh so in them, not in others, *Tit.*3. 8. *Phil.*2.12,13. *Isa.*26.12. 2 *Cor.*3.5.

27 Beleevers persons are pleasing to God in Christs only person: their works, as they are Gods pleasure done in them. *Mat.* 3. 17. *Heb.*13.21. 2 *Thes.*1.11. *Psal.*135.6.

28 Beleevers are most made and built up, when they do apprehend themselves in themselves most cast down and undone. *Isa.*6.5.6. *Job* 40.4,5. & 42.5,6. *Luke* 5.8.

29 Beleevers cannot loath themselves, nor love

love Christ enough in themselves all their dayes, *Ezek.*6.9,10. *Gal.*2.20. *Phil.*3.3,4,8,9. 1 *Cor.*16.22. *Mat.*22.37.

30 Beleevers have much more cause of joy in Christ, then they ever had, or may have of sorrow in *Adam*. 1. *Cor.*15.22. *Rom.*5.10,12. 13,14,15,16. 1 *Cor.*15.45.

31 Beleevers cannot be prevailed against for hurt, by all the policy, and powers of hell, *Mat.*16.18. & 7.24,25. *Rom.*8.28.

32 Beleevers are simply in all things to do Gods revealed will, without any further question, *Deut.*29.29. & 12.32. *Joh.* 6.28,29. *Phil* 2.14. *Gal.*1.16.

33 Beleevers, and Gods ordinances, being mutually disposed one for another, God so leads them on to perfection. 1 *Cor.*3.1. *Heb.* 5.12,13,14. & 6.1,2. 1 *Cor.*4.1.29. *Phil.*3. 16,17. *Acts* 20.29,27,32.

34 Beleevers are never the more just before God for their own integrity, nor the lesse just for their iniquity, *Rom.*4.2,5. *Rom.*3.28. *Isa.* 38.14 17.

35 Causeless suspition, or contempt of a Gospel ministery, bewrayes ignorance of the Gospel, or malice against it, *Luke* 7.39. 2 *Cor.* 13.3,4,5,6. 1. *Cor.*13.5. *Act.*17.18.

36 Christians, whose care is cast wholly on God, are the choisest beleevers, for such are not negligent in the use of lawfull meanes, 1 *Pet.*5.7. *Phil.*4.6. *Act.*27.25,31.

37 Cenſured beleevers ſhall be Judges ſo. their impenitent cenſurers at the great day 1 *Cor.*6.1,2,3. *Jude* 14,15. *Rev.*20.11.

38 Chriſt crucified is the only ſubject of all Goſpel preaching, other doctrine is not to be received by beleevers. 1 *Cor.*1.23. & 2.2, & 9.16. 2 *Cor.*4.5. 2 *Joh.*9.10,11.

39 Chriſt firſt, then a beleever in Chriſt, is the perſon to whom all promiſes of happineſſe do belong. *Pſal.*1.1,2. & 119.1,2. *Pro.* 3.13. *Iſa.*33.15,16. *Mat.*5.3. *Gal.*3.16.

40 Chriſt only is the end of all Laws, the hiding place from all threats, and the door of all promiſes to beleevers. *Rom.*10.4. *Iſa.*32.2. 2 *Cor.*1.20. *Gal.*3.16.

42 Chriſts birth, blood, death, and righteouſneſſe are Almighty, by the perſonall union of both natures in Chriſt. *Luk.*2.10,11. *Act.* 20.28. 1 *Joh.*3.16. 2 *Cor.*5.21. *Joh.*1.14.

43 Chriſt only is the common treaſury of all good, and the fulneſſe of all before God to true beleevers. *Col.*2.3,9,10. *Col.*1.19. & 3. 11. 1 *Cor.*1.30. *Joh.*1.14,16.

44 Chriſt knew no ſin, yet was for us made not only a ſacrifice, but ſin; and we that ſo beleeve, are made Gods righteouſneſſe in him. 2 *Cor.*5.21. *Gal.*3.10,11,12. *Iſa.*53.6.

45 Doubtfull diſputations are to be avoided in the preſence of the weak, leſt they be either offended, or inſnared. *Rom.*14.1,2. *Rom.* 15.12. 1 *Tim.*1.4. & 6.4,20.

46 Doubt-

46 Doubtings of Gods favour yeelded unto by the faithfull after new ſins, are greater added to leſſer evils, *Mat.*14.30,31. *Heb.*2. 1,2,3. 1 *Joh.*5.10. *Gen.*4.13.

47 Evill is as burdenſome to beleevers, as good is to unbeleevers, ſeeing they are both out of their rode way, 1 *Cor.*13.6. *Rom.*7.24. *Amos* 8.4,5. *Gal.*5.17.

48 Faith, and love, with their attendants, are not gotten by our own induſtry, nor without it, *Pſal.*10.17. *Ezek.*36.25,37. *Eph.*2.8. *Rom.*5.5.

49 Faith is hard, yea, impoſſible for man to get, but poſſible, and as eaſie for God to give, *Mat.*7.13. *Luk.*18.24,27. *Phil.*1.29.

50 Faith is not founded on our works, yet is the only ready way to all powerfull performances. *Gal.*5.6. *Eph.*2.20. 1 *Cor.*3.11. *Tit.*3 8. 2 *Cor.*4.13.

51 Faith is the only evidence of ſalvation to our ſelves, works to ſhew our faith to others. *Heb.*11.1. 1 *Joh.*5.10. *Jam.*2.18.

52 Faith maketh the hardeſt duties eaſie, maſtreth the ſtrongeſt luſts, vanquiſheth Devils. *Luk.*17.3,4,5. *Gal.*5.24. *Eph.*6.16.

53 Faith maketh Gods power ours, and all our enemies Gods adverſaries. 1 *Pet.*1.4,5. *Act.*9.5. *Mat.*25.44,45.

54 Goſpel precepts are creating injunctions, as ſoon obeyed as injoyned, when, and by

whom the commander pleaſeth. *Gen.* 1. 3. 2 *Cor* 4.6. *Ezek.*2.1,2. *Joh.*20.27,28. *Eſa.*44. 26,27. *Deut.* 33.27. *Dan.*10.8.

55 Goſpel arguments to work of ſanctification weaken not, but confirme and ſtrengthen beleevers in faith and love. *Cor.*10.8. & 13.10. 1 *Pet.*1.3 4. & 2.12.2,3.

56 Goſpel exhortations are no rods; but hearty incouragements to beleevers in all performances. *Joſ.*1.2 3,4 9. *Heb.*12.1,5. & 13. 22. 1 *Cor.*14.3. *Paracleſin.*

57 Gods works are everlaſtingly unchangeable, not to be added to, or at all diminiſhed by any creature. *Eccleſ.*3.14. *Iſa.* 46.9, 10. *Dan.*4.35. *Iſa.*14.24,25.

58 Gods eternall decree is not croſſed, but only diſcovered by the execution, ſeeming never ſo ſtrange. *Act.*2.23. & 3.18. *Act.*4.27 28

59 Gods ſaving purpoſe free from all cauſes but his own pleaſure, was to ſave none but by faith in Chriſt. *Eph.*1.4,5. 1 *Cor.*8.6,7.

60 Gods elect ever beloved of God, are yet by ſinne truly Gods enemies, till Gods love be declared by faith in Chriſt. *Rom.* 8.30. & 10.14 17. *Rom.*8.16. *Iſa.*59.21. *Jer.*31.3. *Rom.*5.10.

61 Gods al-ſufficient grace is not loſt, nor leſſened by the ſinnes of the faithfull, but commended, illuſtrated, and magnified: 2 *Cor.* 12.8 9,10. *Pſa.*51.3. *Rom.*3.3,4,5. *Rom.*5 20.

62 Gods

62 Gods way is the safest way, though known to none but such only as he himselfe teacheth. *Isa.*54 13. *Psal.*86.11. *Isa.*35.8.

63 Gods image more manifestly appeareth in all believers, as they are more inlightened to behold Gods image in Christ. 2 *Cor.*3. 18. & 4.4,6. *Phil.*3.10. 1 *Joh.*3.2.

64 God is most glorified, when most joyfully sought, and confidently relied upon for all his free promises. *Isa.*56. 7. *Heb.*4.16. 2 *Cor.*5.6,8. *Rom.*4.20,21.

65 Good or evill acts make no man good or evill; but by some circumstances do manifest what men are. *Mat.*7.17,18. 2 *Sa.*11.4.

65 Greatest confidence in God through Christ, is attended with greatest love & obedience to God. 2 *Cor.*5.6,7,8,9,11. 1 *Cor.*15.10

67 Growth in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, is the only powerfull way to spirituall stedfastnesse. 2 *Pet.*3.17,17. *Heb.*6. 1,2,3. *Eph.*4.12,13,14.

68 He only is worthy of a Gospel Ministery, which receives the Gospel for its own sake against all opposition. *Mat.*10. 11,12, 37,38. *Luk.*3.5,6. *Mat.*8.8,9.

69 Hearty hospitality is discernible by unfeigned expressions of fervent love in the entertainment of friends, or strangers. *Gen.*19 2,3. *Judg.*19.5,6,7,20,21. *Luk.*24. 28,29. *John*3.5.

70 Increaſe of mortification, and renovation in believers ariſeth from their growth in the knowledge of Jeſus Chriſt. *Phil.*3.10. *Col.* 3.1,2,5,10. 1 *Ioh.*3.2.

71 It is not good to dig up the buried faults of the faithfull, but men of fouleſt lives are moſt buſie with beleevers blemiſhes. *Gen.* 9.22. 1 *Pet.*4.8. *Mat.*7.5. 2 *Sam.*16.5,7. *Ioh.* 12.4,5,6.

72 Knowledge of the Goſpel increaſeth abundantly, by diſperſing it liberally. *Pro.*11. 24.25. *Gen.*18.17,18. *Mat.*25.20. 2 *Cor.*9.6.

73 Man is ſaid to do only as the created ſubject wherein, or the formed inſtrument where with any thing is done. *Phil.*2.13. *Iſa.* 26.12. *&* 10.5,15.

74 Man falleth from God by going out from him, to the creature; and riſeth by returning to God by faith in Chriſt, *Gen.*3.6,7. 2 *Cor.*10.4,5. *Mat.*16.24. 2 *Cor.*3.5. *Luk.* 14.26,27.

75 Mans renewed perfection in his expectance of all good from God, and ability to glorify God for all good renewed. *Rom.*11.36. 1 *Cor.*10.31. *Ier.*9.23,24.

76 Many ſpeak ſeemingly well, but to do good, or to ſpeak well indeed they are altogether to ſeek. *Mat.*7.21. *Iac.*7.4. *Mat.*23.5. *Mat.*12.33,34.

77 Meditation of the Goſpel, together with

with self resignation wholly to it, is the way by which God teacheth to profit by it. 1 *Tim.* 4.15. *Psa.* 1.2. & 119.11. *Isa.* 48.17.

78 New heavens and a new earth shall be created of God for the everlasting happy habitation of beleevers. *Isa.* 65.17. 2 *Pet.* 3.13. *Revel.* 21.1,2.

79 No man seeing his sinfulnesse, can believe too soon, or be over confident of Gods free love in Christ. *Rom.* 4.5. *Psal.* 95.7. *Heb.* 3.7,15. 2 *Cor.* 5.6,8. *Rom.* 4.19,20.

80 None but prepared ones will take Christ, yet is no preparation to be forced on any as mans work in any sense. *Isa.* 61.1,2. *Act.* 16.31 & 8.37. *Mat.* 9.23.

81 Nothing is procured by prayer besides Gods purpose, beleevers are by it only fitted to receive Gods gifts. *Isa.* 46.9,10. 2 *Chron.* 20.12,17. *Act.* 12. *Ezek.* 36.25,37.

82 Perfection is only in God, who being simply and universally perfect, performeth all things perfectly. *Mat.* 5.48. *Deut.* 32.4. *Psal.* 18.30.

83 Pefection is required of the creature to bring it back to the Creator by Christ. *Mat.* 5.48. 2 *Cor.* 13.11. *Eccles.* 7.29.

84 Philosophicall subtilties are to be avoided, and plaine simplicity to be onely used in the publication, and profession of the Gospel. *Col.* 2.8. 2 *Cor.* 1.12. & 11.3. & 4.2.

85 Preach-

85 Preatchirg is the only ordinary way of publishirg the Gospel: to beget and perfect faith, and love. *Rom.*1.15,16. & 10.8,14,17. *Gal.*3.1,2.

86 Quenchirg the Spirit is prevented, and Apostacy, by dehortations from it, and admonitions against it. 1 *Thess.*5.19. 2 *Tim.*1.6,7. *Heb.*12.15,16.

87 Regeneration is a new Creation, in which man doth no more then the world did at first in creating itself. 2 *Cor.*5.17. *Eph.*2.10. *Gal.*6.15. 2 *Cor.*5.5. *Joh.*3.3,5. *Act.*11.18. *Eph.*2.8.

88 Such as were never at a stand about Gospel knowledge, know not what the Gospel is. *Ier.*6.16. *Isa.*6.5. *Act.*2.37. & 8.31.

89 Such as rest satisfied with any measure of Gospel knowledge, know it not truly in any measure. 1 *Cor.*8.2. *Eph.*1.18. & 3.18,19.

90 Such as are most acquainted with the Gospel, desire nothing so much as the increase thereof. *Phil.*3.9,10. *Joh.*6.34. 2 *Pet.*3.18. *Act.*13.42.

91 Salvation by Christ contained in it all the promises of God made to beleevers in the Scriptures. *Mar.*16.16. *Joh.*4.22. *Isa.*49.6. 1 *Pet.*1.5.

92 Sin is not so far from any, as from those to whom it seemeth to be most neer. *Psal.*51.3,4,9,10,13. *Rom.*7.24. *Isa.*18.14,17.

93 Sudden

93 Sudden sadnesse, free from sickenesse, bewrayes evil purposes in the wicked; sorrow or emptations in the faithfull. *Gen.* 4. 4, 5, 6. *Kin.* 21.3,4. *Neh.* 2. 1. *Psa.* 42. 11. *Mat.* 26. 37.

94 The Gospel is a joyfull Revelation of Gods work in Christ to save elect sinners, and of the worke of his Spirit in the saved. *Rom.* 16.25. *Luk.* 2.10. 2 *Cor.* 5.19. *Rom.* 8.30. *Gal.* 5.22. 2 *Cor.* 3.18.

95 The Gospel is the Almighty word of Gods grace, able to beget, and build up all that are begotten. *Rom.* 1.16. 1 *Cor.* 4.15. *Act.* 20.32.

96 The Gospel is a doctrine of liberty, not to the flesh, nor so wilfully abused by any but very Reprobates. *Gal.* 5. 1, 13. *Jud.* 4. 1 *Pet.* 2. 8.

97 The Gospel is not to be hidden, but openly preached to every creature; but such as obstinately put it from them. *Mar.* 16.15. 2 *Cor.* 4.2,3. *Act.* 13.45,46. 8.

98 The Gospel is a transforming doctrine, though the change appear not in all alike, for time, manner, or measure. *Esa.* 11. 6, 7, 8, 9. *Joh.* 3.12, 13. *Act.* 8. & 16. 1 *Thes.* 1.5.

99 The Gospel, though dark, hard, foolishnesse to many, is plaine, easie, and excellent to believers. 1 *Cor.* 2.7,14. *Joh.* 6.69. 1 *Cor.* 8. 13. 2 *Cor.* 4.2. *Esay* 35.8. 1 *Tim.* 1.15.

100 The Gospel is not ordinarily revealed

to any at once, but as men are enlarged by the Revealer. *Mat.*16.17. 2 *Cor.*6.11,12.

101 The Gospel is not truly beleeved by such as receive not the doctrine of renovation by it. *Tit.*2.12,13,14. *Rom.*12.1,2. *Ephes.*4. 18,19,20.

102 The Gospel is perverted, when weak ones are terrified, and not comforted and confirmed by it. *Isa.*29.20. & 35.3,4.

103 The Gospel is not the Law, nor the Law the Gospel, but they are to be distinguished by beleevers. 2 *Cor.*3.6,7. *Gal.*3.12,13. *Joh.*1.17.

104. The Gospel, fewer in words, is farre greater than the Law in powerfull and glorious administration. 1 *Tim.*1.11,15. 2 *Cor.*3. 6,7,8,9. 2 *Cor.*4 1,2.

105 The Ministers of the Gospel are most jealous lest peoples affections be withdrawn from Christ to themselves. 2 *Cor.* 11. 3, 2. 2 *Cor.*12.6. *Rev.*22.8,9.

106 The more men know they excell in learning and naturall parts, the further they are off from the true knowledge of the Gospel. *Mat.*11.25,26. 1 *Cor.*2.6,7. & 3.18.

107 The Law revealeth sin, shewing what man was, and is not; should doe to life, but can never. *Rom.*3.19,20. & 5. 20. & 10. 5. *Deut.*5.29.

108 The Law is a rule of life to beleevers,

not

not from the letter without, but from love within. *Joh.*14.13. *Rom.*7.6.

109 The Law hath nothing at all to do with believers, but they have moſt of all other to do with it. 1 *Tim.*1.9,10. *Rom.*6.14. & 3.31.

110 The Law of faith is the Law of a beleevers minde, not *Moſes* Law, but Chriſts. *Rom.* 3.2,7. & 7.25. *Jam.*2.8. *Gal.*6.2.

111 The Law of faith receiveth Chriſt and his fulneſſe for our ſelves, and like power to expreſſe the ſame to others. *Rom.*6.1,2. & 3. 27. & 8.34.

112 The Law is not uſed in preaching lawfully, if not alwayes with the Goſpel, and onely for the Goſpels ſake. 1 *Tim.*1.6,7,9,10. *Rom.*6.14. & 10.4. & 3.31.

113 The new Covenant is everlaſtingly unchangeable, ſeeing it is founded only on Gods free promiſes, who is unchangeable. *Jer.*31. 3. *Dan.*9.24. *Heb.*6.18, 19. *Jer.*31.33,34. & 32.39,40,41. *Heb.*8.9.

114 That which they moſt greedily deſire, they do leaſt need, and want moſt what they leaſt inquire for. *Mat.*16. & 21. & 18. 1,2,3. *Act.*16. *Joh.*6.47. & 55.2.

115 The true knowledge and love of God and the like in us, do flow from Gods knowledge and love of us. *Gal.*4.9,10. 1 *Joh.*4 19.

116 Things moſt ſecret done by men or Angels ſhal be publikely, and punctually revealed

at the great day. 1 *Cor.*4.5. *Mat.*12.36,37.

117 The ſtanding of unbeleevers is ſlippery, and being under wrath, the ſpirit that is in them will pull them down. *Pſa.*73.18. *Eph.*2.2,3. *Mat.*8.31,32.

118 The excellency of a beleever in this life is beyond all manner of expreſſion, and comprehenſion. 2 *Cor.* 12.4,5. *Ephe.* 3.18. 1 *Joh.*3.1.

119 The glorious joy of a beleever would be alwayes unſpeakable, did he alwayes apprehend his happineſſe. 1 *Pet.*1.3,8. *Rom.*5.1,2,11. 1 *Theſ.*5.16. 2 *Theſ.*2.16.

120 The ordinances of preaching, reading, prayer, Sacraments, do ſtrengthen the joyfull remembrance of Chriſt in beleevers. *Luk.*11.28. 2 *Pet.*1.12,13. *&* 2.1, 2. 1 *Cor.*11.24. 1 *Cor.*15.2,3.

121 The imputed perfection of beleevers is all alike here, and their glorification hath no ground of difference. *Phil.*3.21. *Rom.*6.23. *Mat.* 13.43. *Pſal.* 16.3. *Rom.*4.7,8. *Mat.* 20.9,10.

122 The more ungodlineſſe is ſeen, and known, the more hatefull it becomes to true beleevers. *Rom.*5.20. *Ezech.*6.62.

123 The ſpirituall ſight of ſins ſinfulneſſe, is only in thoſe that are free from ſins dominion. *Rom.*6.11,12. *&* 7.7,13,22,25.

124 The beſt preparation for Chriſt, is to

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ſee in our ſelves no preparation for Chriſt at all. *Mat.*8.8. *Luk.*5.8. *Iſa.*6.5.

125 The more faith, the more humility and courage in the believer. *Mat.*8.8. *&* 15.27. *Eph.*3.8. *Pro* 28.1.

126 The preſent heavens and earth ſhall be on fire, and burne perpetually for the perdition of ungodly men. 2 *Pet.*3.7. *Mal.*4.1. *Mat.* 13.42 50. *Iſa.*34.1,9,10.

127 The day of Iudgement ſhall be no uſuall day, of ſo many hours, but a great day for the great things then to be done. *Rev.* 10.6. *&* 6. 17. *Zeph.*1.14. *Act.*17.31. *Rom.*2.16. *Zach.* 14.8. *Mal.*4.1.

128 That interpretation of Scriptures, ought to be rejected as private, which agreeth not with other Scriptures, 2 *Pet.*1.20,21. *Act.* 10.43. *&* 3.21,22.

129 Things ſimply neceſſary to ſalvation, may be plainly read in the very letter of the Scriptures by beleevers. 2 *Cor.*1.13. *&* 4.2. *Pro.*8.9. *Pſa.*19.7,8.

130 The abſolute depth of Scriptures ſence, our apprehenſions at beſt are too ſhallow to reach here. *Rom.*11.34. 1 *Cor.*2.10. *Eph.*1.18. *&* 3.18,19.

131 That interpretation of any darke place that croſſeth a more plain, is falſe, and to be utterly refuſed. *Pro.*2.15. *&* 8.8,9. *Iſa.*59.8.

132 The Scriptures that ſpeake of men

barely, are usually to be understood of unbeleevers. *Gen.*6.2. *Mat.*10.22.& 12.36.& 5. 11. 1. *Tim.*5.24

133 That which is most abundantly pressed in Scriptures, is most hardly beleeved, and of greatest consequence to be observed. *Esa.*53. 1. *Luk.*24.25. *Jude* 25.

134 That which men boast they do beleeve, they beleeve least, and what desiring to beleeve, they seem not to beleeve, that usually they do beleeve. *John* 16. 30,31,32. *Phil.* 3. 9,10,12,13,14.

135 Truth may never stoop to reason, but reason must alwayes stoop to truth. *Joh.*6.60, 61,62. 2 *Cor.*10.3,4,5.

136 Truth is to be lessened for no mans infirmity, but mans faith is to be extended to Gods omnipotency. *Mat.*19.23,26. *Gen.*18. 14. *Mar.*9.23 24. *Mar.*5.36.

137 Truth is to be received for no mans Authority, but men are to be received for the Authority of Truth. *Mat.* 10.40. *Joh.* 8 45, 46,47. *Gal.*1.8,9. *Judg.*3.20.

138 To pervert truth willingly is divillish, but to stoope high thoughts to truth is divine. *Mat.*4.6,10. 2 *Cor.*10.4,5. *Rom.*3.4.

139 True faith preserveth from all extreams of exaltation or dejection. 1 *Cor.*8.1,2. *Rom.* 327. *Mat.*14 30,31.

140 True beleevers assembled in Christs

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name, have Christs Almighty presence with them. *Mat.* 18.20. & 28.20. 1 *Cor.* 5.4.

141 Unbelievers are not simply to be prest to duties, but first wisely won to the faith, *Pr.* 15.8. *Io.* 9.35. *Act.* 26.27. & 16.31. 2 *Cor.* 5.11.

142 Unbeleevers dying so, can expect nothing but everlasting fiery torments at the last day. *Rev.* 21.8. *Luk.* 12.46.

143 Whatsoever is done in, or by any creatures, seem it good or evil, it is Gods own work, done by him well. *Esa.* 45.8. *Lam.* 3.37. *Amos* 3.6. *Psal.* 62.11.

144 Whatsoever Christ was, did, suffered, is, or shall be, it was, and shall be for the good of beleevers. 1 *Pet.* 3.18. *Joh.* 1,1,14. 1 *Tim.* 3.16. *Eph.* 1.19. 2 *Thes.* 1.6,7,8,9.

145 Whatsoever blamelesnesse beleevers attaine, the more blameless, the lesse censorious they alwayes are. 1 *Thes.* 2.10. 1 *Cor.* 13. 4,7. 1 *Pet.* 4.8. *Luk.* 17.3,4. *Luk.* 9.54,55.

146 Whatsoever beleevers are most sure of, they do aske most confidently of God. *Phil.* 4. 5,6. *Joh.* 17.1,4,5,24. 2 *Cor.* 5.6,8.

147 Whatsoever glory they lost in *Adam*, the glory of beleevers doth surpasse it, for excellency and eternity. *Rom.* 3.23. & 5.15,16, 21. 2 *Cor.* 4,17,18.

148 When God begnis faith in any, he finisheth it alwaies, with whatsoever is agreeable thereunto. *Esa.* 42.16. *Phil.* 1.6.

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149 Where moſt unworthineſſe is apprehended, thre true worthines is moſt certainly attained. *Mat.* 8.8. & 15.27. *Gen.* 18.27.

150 Where Chriſt is moſt remembred, faith in Chriſt hath the greateſt increaſe in thoſe. *Mat.* 6.21. *Col.* 3.1,2. *Pſal.* 119.11. *Pſal.* 10.4. 1 *Cor.* 15.3,4.

151 Whoſoever beleeveth that Jeſus is the Chriſt, that ſhould come in the fleſh, and is come according to the Scriptures, is a true beleever. 1 *Joh.* 5.5. & 4.2. 1 *Cor.* 15.3,4.

152 Whoſoever acknowledgeth Chriſt to be all for him to God, and to doe all in him that is good, hath true faith. *Job* 1.14,16. 1 *Cor.* 1.30. 1 *Pet.* 3.18. 2 *Cor.* 8.21.

153 Whoſoever hath enjoyed moſt means of ſalvation, and neglected or abuſed it, ſhall have the greateſt ſhare in torments. *Luk.* 12. 47. *Zeph.* 1.14. *Mat.* 11.22,23.

154 Works can be no ſure ground of our own faith, ſeeing it is proper to faith to juſtifie our beſt performances. *Eſa.* 64.6. *Job* 4.6. *Ezek.* 36.31. *Phil.* 3.8,9.

155 Wicked men underſtand no truth truly, only beleevers do ſo underſtand it. 1 *Cor.* 2.9. *Dan.* 12.10. *Mat.* 13.11.

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